

partially aromatic polyesteramides, aliphatic or partially aromatic polyesters, aliphatic or partially aromatic polyesterurethanes, aliphatic or aliphatic-aromatic polycarbonate. The filter material is suitable for the preparation of tea bags, coffee bags, as well as tea filters and coffee filters."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel Claims 2, 6 and 7.

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1. (Amended) A multi-ply filter material [consisting of an] comprising at least [two-
ply structure, wherein at least] one ply [contains] containing natural [fibres]
fibers and one ply containing biodegradable, thermoplastic fibers made of a
member [fibres, wherein the thermoplastic fibres are] selected from the group
[comprising] consisting of aliphatic polyesteramides, [or] partially aromatic
polyesteramides, aliphatic polyesters, [or] partially aromatic polyesters,
aliphatic polyesterurethanes, [or] partially aromatic polyesterurethanes,
aliphatic polycarbonates and [or] aliphatic-aromatic polycarbonates.
 3. (Amended) A filter material according to [claims 1 and 2,] Claim 1 wherein [the
first ply is] said natural fibers comprise a mixture of coniferous wood,
deciduous wood, manilla, hemp, jute[, sisal and similar natural fibres] and
sisal.
 4. (Amended) A filter material according to [claims 1 to 3,] Claim 1 wherein [the first
ply] one ply containing natural fibers has a basis weight of between 8 and
40 g/m² and an air permeability of 300 to 4000 l/m²·sec (DIN 53 887).
 5. (Amended) A filter material according to [claims 1 to 4,] Claim 1 wherein [the
second ply,] one ply containing [consisting of the] biodegradable
thermoplastic [fibres,] fibers has a basis weight of 1 to 15 g/m².

Add the following:

- 8. The filter material of Claim 1 wherein thermoplastic fibers are made of
aliphatic polyesteramides.